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The National Executive Board's Tribute to Mrs. Low



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MRS. ARTHUR O. CHOATE

MADAM CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND MRS. LOW: There is only one sad thing in all this brilliant gathering, and it is one which we all feel very much. As you all know, I should not be speaking to you this evening. Our new President, Mrs. Choate, should be making this address to you, and our greatest loss in tonight's gathering is that she cannot be here to make it. Not only was Mrs. Choate one of our Founder's first converts to Scouting, not only has she learned from her at first hand the principles and practices of the organization, but the personal friendship of many years would have made her words on this occasion particularly touching and appropriate.

But it occurred to me when I was asked by the Executive Board to speak for them a little of our feeling for Mrs. Low, that it might be in a way more impressive to have her receive our appreciation from one who spoke simply as a representative of the Board, as a tribute of the women who have worked under her since 1912. We all know that all we have at present in the Girl Scout movement is due to one woman and one woman only, Mrs. Low. I am sure there is nothing we can accomplish for the Girl Scouts which Mrs. Low has not dreamed of for the Girl Scouts: from national to international, and from international to inter-stellar, if necessary! We know what she has done as only those who, like us, have been privileged to work under her can know. She has given not only her thoughts and her time, but she has done what people who give their time do not always add to the gift—she has opened her pocketbook as well as her heart. She has, as it were, thrown her pocketbook ahead of her heart, and we shall never forget, now that wider scope is making a wider field of subscriptions open to us, how generous Mrs. Low has been to the organization in its young years.

During the years in which we have followed our leader, it cannot have been easy for her, always. Some years we have done as she wished, some years we have not always agreed with her ideas, but in each case she has patiently watched us and adapted herself magnificently to our growing and varied policies. I suppose this must always be the experience of the initiators of any movement and Mrs. Low could no more hope to escape the position of a hen worried over her brood of ducklings than any other blazer of a new trail!

But few other organizations can boast of a leader who is capable of doing what our leader has just now done, and I am expressing to you the feeling of our Executive Board that our former President is doing now the greatest thing that any administrative officer can do. She has borne the whole burden, she has seen this organization grow little by little until today it is a great mechanism, a still growing concern—and at the moment of its greatest success, she leaves it. She does not ask to reap the glories of it, she only asks that we carry it on as it was started. Only a far-seeing spirit could have been capable of this, and such an unselfish decision can never lack our appreciation and respect.

I have been trying to think of all the things we might do to mark our sense of the greatness of this decision and one idea persistently occurs to me—an idea which has long been in my mind. We shall have presidents, Mrs. Low, and other ex-presidents, but there is one thing that we can never have again, as we have never had before—a Founder. There can never be but one founder of the Girl Scout movement in America, and I think I speak for all of us here, certainly for the Executive Board, when I recommend the establishing of a Founder's Day which shall be the birthday of the woman who brought the Girl Scouts to this country. I should like to see, and it seems to me that I can see very clearly, in the future, everyone connected with our great organization, whether there are 70,000 or 700,000 of them, stopping, no matter what they are doing, on this day every year, to honor the birthday of the Founder of the Girl Scouts. From the smallest lone scout in a small town, to the largest Executive Board we can ever grow to be, we can always pay this honor to the one person who can ever deserve it of us, and there is not one of us who will not pay it with delight.

We hope, Mrs. Low, that you will like this, because we, as your Executive Board, like it very much, and we want you to feel that whatever chances and changes may come to the Girl Scouts, there is one place among them that can be filled for us by only one person, and we take this opportunity of telling you, with all our hearts, that that person is you!

JOSEPHINE DASKAM BACON.

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NEW OFFICIAL HAND-BOOK

It is with great satisfaction that National Headquarters announces the appearance this month of the new handbook *Scouting for Girls*, which will be on sale March 15th.

As against 150 pages of the old book, the new one offers 500 pages, with many illustrations, complete index, full bibliography of suggested reading for all topics, official standards for all tests and requirements, correct pictures of new badges and uniforms, and completely new material in all departments. The fact that the 1920 handbook is more than three times the size of the old one, together with the enormous increase of the cost of paper and printing, has necessitated the price of .75, the standard price for the corresponding handbook of allied organizations this year; but we are quite sure that every Girl Scout will find *Scouting for Girls* well worth the difference!

The .75 size is designed to fit into the pocket of the standard uniform, but an edition in stiff boards is offered at \$1 which many, undoubtedly, will prefer. This will have all the

appearance of a good-sized library book and is more adaptable to book-shelf and table.

Girl Scouts will find, among other new material, a beautiful series of photographs provided for the Natural History section by the Natural History Museum of New York; a revised First Aid section with the authorization and collaboration of Red Cross Society; full illustrations of the Girl Scout setting-up exercises; a clear outline of military drill; a practical camping chapter.

Captains will be delighted to know that *all matter required for the three tests—Tenderfoot, Second and First Class—is absolutely covered by the handbook*. A carefully selected list of reading for Captains has been provided by the Educational Department.

While future years will undoubtedly bring corrections to subsequent editions, the National Executive Committee feels that the ground plan of the new book is sound and its present arrangement logical and, generally speaking, permanent.

A HANDY HEALTH BOOK

No longer will captains need to accept hit or miss health records from their scouts. National Headquarters has designed a Health Note Book that not only simplifies the captain's task, but makes the keeping of the record fun for the scout. The booklet is just the right size to fit a scout pocket and it has place in it for records covering a period of three months.

Did the scout brush her teeth properly? There is a square to be checked off. Did she take her outdoor exercise and go to bed early? There are places for marking these things, too. The scout will enjoy keeping her book up-to-date, and the captain will have no difficulty in deciding whether or not the girl is qualified for the Health Winner's Badge. These booklets may be obtained from National Headquarters for 10 cents each, or for \$1.00 for every twenty.

MUSEUM HELPS SCOUTS

The American Museum of Natural History having given the Scouts a beautiful section of Nature Study for the new Handbook, is following this good service by the promise of many more.

Dr. C. Clyde Fisher of the Department of Public Education will be associated with our National Education Committee, and has promised help to all captains and scouts in preparing for and giving tests in Bird Study, Botany, Zoology, Entomology, Geology and Astronomy.

Dr. Fisher is an old friend of John

Burroughs and is a splendid guide, philosopher and friend for the out of doors.

Dr. Hyde of the Department of Anthropology will arrange for special lectures to scouts and personally conducted visits to the Museum at any time. He is bringing together all the Young People's Organizations on their common field of Science. Captains interested in Nature Study, Folk customs, Textiles, Evolution, Geography or Meteorology should get in touch with one of these men. They can give help in directing captains throughout the country to other Museums and individual scientists who will co-operate.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Any one may purchase the Girl Scout Handbook, or any printed material. All other articles will be sold only to registered scouts on order signed by their Captain.

Be sure to state size when ordering hats, belts and uniforms.

At the National Council meeting held in Philadelphia, January 14th, 15th and 16th, 1920, it was voted that Local Directors should suggest the numbers to be given troops in their community to the Registrar at National Headquarters. Local Directors should, as far as possible, fill in numbers formerly used by troops that are now dead or inactive. National Headquarters will check up with the numbers listed in the Registrar's Department for troops in your community and authorize the use of the number suggested by the Local Director. National Headquarters would appreciate the cooperation of Local Directors towards this end.

DO NOT FORGET THIS

Some time ago it was announced that all Local Councils or Troops, giving benefits should send a percentage of the proceeds to National Headquarters. This plan was devised so that the Field could help Headquarters and yet feel no hardship themselves.

If you were not scouts your entertainments would be subject to a 10 per cent tax by the treasury. It is not much then, to ask that you contribute the money that you save by being scouts to the cause of Scouting! Perhaps "invest" would be better than "contribute," for you can consider this money an investment that pays returns to you in the form of increased cooperation from National Headquarters. Please do not forget this National scout duty—10 per cent of all entertainment proceeds to help National Headquarters, so that it may better help you!



COLUMN—RIGHT!

Our Captain's Page

A WORD ABOUT DISTRICTING

And Other Successful Experiments

BY BIRDSALL OTIS EDEY

COMMISSIONER OF MANHATTAN

THE necessity for personal supervision of troops in order to have a uniform condition of training was brought to our attention during the Drive, when we had large numbers of scouts together for various activities.

It was then noticeable that no two troops had exactly the same standard of drilling, marching, saying the laws and saluting the flag. These conditions added to what seemed to us an almost lethargic attitude towards Scouting in the Manhattan Council, made us wonder what could be done and we hit upon the District scheme. Miss Lewis, then Director for Manhattan, helped work at the plan and we are now putting it into effect with the most wonderful results.

Out of fifteen Districts, into which we have divided Manhattan, ten are provided each with a member of the Council for its special adviser. Everyone of these members has taken the Training Class for leaders and graduated from it and they visit the Troops in their districts, during Troop meetings, making their report to the Commissioner, a report which is considered entirely confidential and which no one sees but herself and the Local Director.

Through the medium of these reports we discover which troop makes a specialty of drilling and falls down on cooking; which troop can signal and cannot tie knots; which troop never gets any drill because the Captain doesn't like it, but are fine sewers and swimmers.

Also we now have a Council who all attend meetings, who are keenly alive to the work on hand and who are bringing about the one thing that we have most wanted a high, uniform standard of Scouting with every girl getting the same training. We hope in time, when all fifteen districts are covered, to be able to say that all our girls know the same work, do the same work and can at any time be called on, if the occasion arises, to

demonstrate their ability and have that demonstration business-like, efficient and standardized.

The Drive made clear to us that the Scouts were anxious to meet together frequently and to take part in community affairs, therefore our winter's program was based on that principle.

Patrol Leaders were asked to meet at Headquarters the second Saturday of every month. These scouts come together to discuss the plans for the coming month and to make any recommendations they may find necessary for improved work, such recommendations to be presented at the Officers' Association which meets the following Tuesday. The Patrol Leaders conduct their meetings without the assistance of any older person.

Our Officers' Association has developed along a new line this winter. We opened our meetings by inviting the Officers to supper, the business to follow. In this way, we helped to catch the business girl and the officers who have an evening troop meeting. It was such a success that it was voted to continue the monthly supper and also voted to pay \$1.00 a year registration fee, this money to cover the expense of the supper. Our average attendance has been thirty-five.

This year we worked out a new plan for Field Captains. We have a Jewish, Protestant and Catholic worker. These workers are not confined to work with their own particular religious sect, but aid us in solving the problems that may arise among their people.

When a school or settlement asks us to supply a leader we make this proposition:

First. We will supply a volunteer when possible.

Second. We will furnish a trained leader but the organization in return must pay us \$2.00 to \$2.50 a week for her services. She will be entirely responsible for the troop including hikes, etc., and we in turn will be responsible for the standard of her work.

Third. If the organization can furnish a volunteer we will train her and assist her in every way possible.

Fourth. If the organization decided upon the paid worker we suggest that as soon as a suitable volunteer can be found that the paid worker be withdrawn and the volunteer substituted. This has worked out very well indeed and has raised the standard of Scouting throughout the city.

Many applications of those desiring to become leaders were received during the Drive, not only from Manhattan but from surrounding towns. And it was suggested that they enroll in a training class.

Three such classes were opened immediately after the Drive, one meeting twice a week for five weeks with an enrollment of 84 and an average attendance of 28. Two meetings once a week for nine weeks. One enrollment of 84 had an average attendance of 25, the other with an enrollment of 40 had an average attendance of 27.

At the close of the class meeting twice a week, all but nine were taking troops; fourteen passed the final test with an A mark, twelve with a B mark, only two proved inefficient.

Many more applications were received during the courses and as a result, several more will be started immediately.

COMING

One of the tangible results of the Conference was that it "converted" Miss Sally Lucas Jean, Director of the Child Health Organization, to Scouting. Her conversion was so real that she is now going to contribute to THE RALLY an article on how to interest girls in health, and how to teach health.

The Child Health Organization, through Miss Jean's capable direction, and with the full cooperation of the United States Bureau of Education, is teaching health to children all over the United States by means that are at once amusing and designed to rouse curious and permanent interest, and what is more, are beautiful. So Miss Jean will give to Captains "Health Hints" that will rival the "Beauty Hints" of the newspaper column.



THE SCOUT SCRAP BOOK



THIS MEANS YOU!

Other papers all remind us,
We can make our own sublime
If our sister Scouts will give us
Contributions all the time.
Here a little, there a little,
Story, Scout Lore, joke or jest;
If you want a good Scout paper
Each of you must do her best.

ALMA ESPENSCHADE,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

P. S. This is the way we feel,
too! THE EDITORS.

AN ICY BATH!

Troop 1, Woodbury, Conn., are congratulating themselves on the outcome of the last meeting. Besides "good turns," keeping a sister scout from taking a severe cold they got practical demonstration in "First Aid." On their way to Scout meeting one girl took a short cut, and fell into a brook through the ice. She nearly fainted from fright and exhaustion. Several of the scouts, with the aid of a boy, pulled her out, fished out books, umbrella, lunch box, etc., wrapping coats around her hustled her into the meeting room, built a rousing wood fire, (some of the girls had to chop wood) removed her wet clothing, rubbed her with their scout flags, wrapped her in coats, sweaters, while different members made several trips for dry clothing, blankets, etc. The Captain improved the time to give a short talk on First Aid. The unfortunate Scout proved to be a fortunate Scout, for she was none the worse for her icy bath, next day, although a delicate little girl.

MELISSA SOULE BRYANT,
Patrol Leader.

A BULLY ADVENTURE

The Columbine Troop, consisting of seven girls, was organized here last June. Five of us are Second Class Scouts; the others, Tenderfoots. We have no uniforms as yet but each of us is going to earn enough money to buy her uniform and go to camp next summer.

Last summer we would take our lunch and go down to the creek, the only place near here where trees grown in any abundance. One never

to be forgotten Wednesday afternoon we left town about four o'clock. This time we went nearly a mile and a half from town. It was a dandy place, with a good place to build a fire and plenty of trees.

It was after supper; some had gone for logs to build a shelter; one was taking the Tenderfoot test and I was cleaning up camp. During supper we had heard a noise which we thought was made by a donkey. Now we discovered what it was that was making the noise. Over by the fence, inside, was a big black and white bull! He was bellowing, as if he was mad, and just tearing up the ground. Whew!

The other girls were speedily sent for and we decided to climb trees, as the bull was coming nearer and nearer. Fortunately we knew which ones were most easily climbed. All of us were in three trees. Two of the trees stood opposite each other and the third a little back from them. The bull, bellowing and tossing his head, planted himself between the two opposite trees and right in front of the other. We tried being quiet and we tried being noisy but the bull would not budge.

When it grew dusky our Captain suggested that Leona climb down her tree, which was farthest from the bull, jump into the creek bed, which was always empty, and go for help. We knew it was risky but it was our only way out. Leona was brave enough to do it, which is saying a good deal. We made noise enough to attract the bull's attention to us and she got down safe.

It seemed hours before we heard voices. We shouted to let them know where we were. A man on horse-back drove "our friend" away and another got our things. Blindly we made our way to the bridge and the waiting car.

The next day we seemed to be none the worse for our experience and very likely we were wiser. Of course, everyone in town knew about it and for a few weeks someone was sure to ask, "How do you like climbing trees?" or "Since when did Girl Scout training include climbing trees?" But, believe me, it was lucky for us that we could climb trees!

Ramah, Colo.

THE GIRL SCOUTS OF U.S.A.

The Girl Scouts of the U. S. A. Not only work but love to play, The things they say—the things they do

Make you want to be one, too.

HETTY RAINE,
Springfield, Mass.

MEMPHIS, TENN.

The Girl Scout Council gave an enjoyable dinner party on January 19th at the Community Center in honor of the scout captains, lieutenants, officers of the Kiwanis Club and a few invited guests.

During the serving of a faultless menu by Girl Scouts, the guests heard the report of the secretary, Mrs. R. J. Lilley. Mrs. Lilley stated that there were more than 500 Girl Scouts enrolled, but that there were not enough captains to look after them and give them proper instruction. She also reported that plans for the summer encampment were being made and that Gov. Brough of Arkansas will lend the campers all the equipment from Camp Pike. The financial report was discouraging but the Kiwanis Club has pledged to raise a fund for the girls.

Mrs. R. J. L., Secretary.

WANTED!

Contributions for The Scout Scrap Book for May.

Letters—not over 300 words long "A Scout Garden."

Photographs (must be sharp) or Drawing; "A Scout Garden."

Verses—not over 24 lines long. Must contain the word "Garden."

All contributions must be received by April 10th. The best material will appear in the May Number. Address: THE RALLY, Nat'l Hdqts., Girl Scouts, 189 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Contributions must be original.

Read above rules carefully. Unavailable material cannot be returned unless stamps are enclosed.

HOSPITAL SCOUTS

Miss Emma Freeman of Troop 5, Savannah, Ga., has never missed a troop meeting or any other occasion when the troop was called together, for five years, and she has only been tardy once. She was operated on a little over a week ago for appendicitis, and was so heart broken at the idea of losing her attendance record and not being at the troop meeting, that the regular meeting was held in her room at the Hospital. They are going to carry the meetings to her as long as she is unable to come to them. The suggestion was made by the other girls in the troop, as they realized what it would mean to her to be absent.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

On January 8th the Philadelphia Pollyanna Girl Scouts, Troop 110, had a Christmas concert for the old folks in store house, Gimbel Brothers. Lunch, donated by the firm, was served, also boxes made out of old post cards by the scouts were filled with candy, apples and gifts, such as pipes for the men folks. The concert was a big success. Girls recited, sang, danced and even the Queen of the Fairies was there.

Later in the month the same concert was repeated for the poor children at the Sunday Breakfast Association.

On New Year's day money was also sent to the Northeastern Hospital by one little Girl Scout who wanted to surprise the rest of the troop.

W. S.,
Captain.

ELMORE, OHIO

We have always been interested readers of the Scribes' Corner, as indeed we have been of all the RALLY.

The Forget-me-not Troop was organized in the summer of 1917. We now have a membership of nearly thirty girls in three patrols. Our Captain recently rearranged the girls according to their ages. We like this much better. We have a number of Second Class scouts who have attendance and other proficiency badges. When first organized we worked for our suits. The W. R. C. presented us with a flag. We earned nearly fifteen dollars which we gave to the Red Cross.

At first we usually met with our Captain but now we have Scout rooms, furnished mostly with what the girls could bring. However, we papered and painted, bought a stove and an old piano and installed electric lights.

At our regular meetings we make plans and read the stories in the RALLY. For a while our Captain read the short essays which the girls wrote on the various laws. This was very helpful. Once a month we have a fun meeting. The patrols take turns entertaining. We play games and have contests. We often invite guests to these parties.

We celebrated our first anniversary with a Scout party, our second by entertaining our parents. For this we had a program of music, recitations and a play, serving refreshments at the close of the evening.

The girls are fond of hiking. They

BIRTHDAY PARTY

The Girl Scouts of Troop 1 had a reception and dinner in honor of their second birthday anniversary, at the home of their Captain. It was a very rainy day but about sixty people braved the weather and came. Scout songs were sung. One member told the history of the Girl Scouts and another one our plans for the coming year. Light refreshments were served. Favors were red crepe paper roses as this is the troop flower.

M. A. S.,
Athens, Ohio.



Even a Scout Captain likes to make a snowman

usually take a lunch with them, cooking over a fire in true Scout fashion. The girls are not afraid of winter and hiked over eight miles in two and a quarter hours one day during December.

The Scouts march in patriotic parades and often assist with flag presentations. Last summer we planted two poppy beds for the "Boys."

We have earned money in various ways. We have had a Bake Sale, Play, Parcel Post and Ice Cream Social. We have found, though, that the easiest way to earn money is by selling pop corn. We buy the corn directly from the grower and the girls take turns popping and selling it. We also have a Birthday Box—every girl depositing an amount of money equal to her age. And we mustn't forget the Penny Collection. Each girl pays a penny for each meeting, making fifty-two cents a year. Multiply by thirty and you have a welcome addition to your treasury.

The April RALLY will be a Camping Number. All camping material will be used at that time.

LIMA, OHIO

In preparing for their Second Class tests, the whole troop (Troop 8, Dogwood) fulfilled the first requirement in the test by making their own flag, according to the proper dimensions, and with all due precautions in its construction. Each of the thirty-two girls made three stars, there being double amount to cover the reverse side of the field, and those girls who were working toward their Sewing Badge tests did the greater share of the stitching. The flag measures seven feet in length, and the other dimensions are correct in proportion.

This seemed to us a splendid and practical way of showing our knowledge of sewing, drawing, and patriotism, as well as carrying out the scout policy of every troop owning a flag. It is so much more appreciated, and as one of our merchants said to us, we will look back in after years, when grown to womanhood on the making of an American flag, as one of the finest bits we could do for our loyalty to Scouting.

Mrs. R. H. N.,
Captain.

A Tale of Fun and Adventure, with a Lively Little Heroine

"CAPTAIN POLLY"

By Sophie Swett

Illustration by Thelma Gooch

READ THIS FIRST

Dr. and Mrs. Damer have gone way on a trip, leaving behind them, in their home at Green Harbor, their family of lively children, as follows:

HARRY, the oldest son, away on a yachting trip in company with his friend Bert Langley and a young English boy, Lord Brentford.

KATE, the "big sister" of the family, a gentle, capable girl of eighteen.

ROY, rather serious minded.

DEL, who had been to a fashionable boarding school and acquired "highfalutin' notions."

SYD, the "black sheep" of the family, an unmanageable boy of about fourteen, whose associates cause his family much worry.

POLLY, thirteen years old, and wide awake, the jolliest member of the flock.

BESS, a small sister whose curiosity and inability to keep a secret sometimes make trouble all around.

In addition to the brothers and sisters there are:

GRANDFATHER, who has been Governor and is now a well-to-do ship-builder whose workers are on strike.

DIANTHA, the cook.

CAINY GREEN, a poorhouse waif who acts as "chore-boy."

In order to make some money the four younger children have set up a candy shop on the "High-Flyer," an old yacht that has been beached. Things have been going very well until one night when Cainy and Bose, a faithful dog, are left to guard the unsold wares. Polly is awakened early in the morning by a distant barking. Suspecting mischief at the "High-Flyer" she slips quietly out of the house and down to the boat. There is a dense fog, but she has her pocket compass with her and so finds her way without difficulty. When she reaches the boat she finds it in great disorder with no sign of either Bose or Cainy Green. A paper catches her eye. It proves to be the vows of a secret society, "The Loyal League of Red Handed Revolutionists," and among the names are those of Syd Damer and Cainy Green!

Cainy is finally discovered asleep in the cabin. The sight of Polly frightens him. He confesses that the

"revolutionists" have been there and that they have taken away Bose. He says, however, that he will get the dog back if Polly will promise not to tell what happened. Polly promises and Cainy starts off.

Meanwhile the fog has become worse and a real storm settles down.

"How the rain beat and the old boat rocked. Polly was glad that Roy had insisted on fastening the boat with a strong cable. Even while she thought of it something seemed to strike the boat with a great violence upon the bows. For an instant it almost stood on its head as Polly afterwards explained. Then it made a great plunge downward and Polly thought she was going to be swallowed up in the depths of the earth, or the sea, she was not quite sure which, and then, suddenly, it was swept far out among the rolling waves. The old yacht that was thought to have made her last trip long ago was once more afloat."

Straight out toward the open set sailed the "High-Flyer," passing perilously near to Darning Needle Ledge, the grave of many a good ship. Right in the path of the incoming steamer the little old boat drifted, narrowly escaping destruction. Polly called frantically for help but the wind prevented her voice being heard.

It was late afternoon before Bert Langley's yachting party sighted the old wreck through the fog, and finally rescued brave little Polly. Great was the celebration at home when Harry Damer and his friend Lord Brentford arrived with the lost sister.

Just at this time two visitors come to the Damer home; H. Jeanne Walsingham Higgins, a stylish young friend of Del's and Aunt Augusta who is anything but stylish, although she has plenty of money. Jeanne, not suspecting the identity of her fellow traveler, has started to comment on "the funny little old frump of a woman she saw on the boat" when she is interrupted by the appearance of Aunt Augusta herself.

The family and their guests decide to call on Grandpa, who has been very much depressed since the burning of his barn. While at Grandpa's farm Polly explores the ruins of the barn. Among the debris she finds a knife—Cainy's! She

questions the owner only to find that the knife had been loaned to Syd. Horrified at the possibilities suggested by this discovery. Polly takes the matter up with her brother who resents her questioning and refuses to give a satisfactory explanation.

A little later there is an explosion in the ship yard. Cainy is hurt, and confesses the existence of the R. R. R's. From Cainy's story Grandpa realizes that Syd is one of the members. He calls for Syd—Just then Bess comes to the door and announces breathlessly, "Syd has run away!"

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CHAPTER XX

"YES, he has run away!" peristed Bess, in answer to Del's incredulous look. "Roy and the English boy have come, and they say so. When the steamboat stopped at Belrock, they saw Syd and Bruce Bennett getting out of a rowboat; it was the *Licketty-Split*, Bruce Bennett's boat. Roy said he happened to see the name through the fog; he was sure no other boat ever had that name, so he looked to see who the boys were. Syd had a bag, and Bruce had a bundle. Grandpa thinks they meant to take the cars at Belrock. He has telegraphed everywhere, but he can't tell which way they have gone, and they may get away down to St. John or away on to New York before they are stopped. They put the stuff in that blew up, that's why they're gone."

"Those boys!" exclaimed Del. She had always been absorbed in her own affairs, and she had a settled conviction that boys were a nuisance; but Syd was her brother, and Del felt this new trouble to be so great that what she had just gone through seemed but a trifle in comparison. "I wish I had thought more about Syd. I might have looked after him a little. Oh, I have been so selfish and silly!" she said, rather to herself than to Bess.

"You'd think Polly would be wild, she was always so fond of Syd," said Bess. "But she's just as still as can be, only orfly pale, and can't say her r's at all. And she says she doesn't believe Syd did it, or meant to, or there's some mistake. Just think how foolish, when Cainy knows they put the stuff in the closet, and Syd has

run away and all. Oh, and Roy is dividing his snakes with the English boy. He is going away in the morning."

"The English boy" went away the next morning. He spoke very sympathetically to Polly about Syd just before he left.

"You mustn't believe that Syd did what they say," said Polly, earnestly. "I am sure he didn't, because he promised me that he wouldn't do dreadful things. Whatever they may say, I know that he didn't do it."

"I shall tell him that when I meet him in New York," said Lord Brentford. Polly smiled at that, sad as she was; they had very often smiled at the English boy's idea of space in America. He had not yet been in New York, and seemed, so Polly thought, to believe that he should be likely to see everyone who was there, as one might in a little country village. But afterwards Polly found out what he meant.

Telegrams had been sent in every direction, and detectives despatched in search of the runaways, and grandpa held himself in readiness to

follow the first clew that appeared. Now and then a false one drew him a short distance only to come back baffled. The boys had left their row-boat at the landing at Belrock, and it seemed that no one had observed them afterwards. The crowd and commotion consequent upon the steamer's arrival had drawn attention away from them, and the heavy fog had further favored their escape. It might have swallowed them up utterly, for anything that appeared to the contrary. It was a time of terrible anxiety and suspense. Polly grew thin and white, and chafed miserably over the fact that she was a girl and could not go in search of Syd. She even made desperate plans to go, in the long, wakeful nights, which were always nullified by common-sense, which came back, as it is apt to do, with daylight.

The Red Revs, as Cainy called them, were all arrested, and the leaders, Nick Hiffley and three other youths of eighteen and nineteen, received their just deserts in the shape of long terms of imprisonment, while the younger boys, who were proven

to have followed the leaders generally under the pressure of threats, were released, upon promise of future good behavior. And Cainy, who was slowly recovering from his injuries, declared that he was "gladder to be quit of b'longin' to them Red Revs than he would be to be 'lected president."

Not long after the league came to an end the strikes were peacefully settled; but this consummation, which he had so desired, seemed to bring no comfort now to Grandpa Damer. When not away following some clew, he sat in his office waiting for telegrams and letters. And, after all, it was Polly to whom the first news came—a telegram signed with Lord Brentford's name: "Have found S., safe and innocent. You will receive letter tomorrow."

"Safe and innocent! innocent, just as I said!" cried Polly, as grandpa, who had been sent for, came in before they had ceased to laugh and cry over the telegram. Grandpa shook his head doubtfully, although his face had brightened, and he looked to Polly very much as if he would have liked to laugh and cry himself. "Why doesn't he come home then? I don't understand it. Lord Brentford should have telegraphed where he was to be found."

"Only have a little patience, grandpa, and be sure everything is right!" cried Polly. "And isn't he the *niciest* boy?—that was what he meant by saying 'if he should meet Syd in New York,' he has been hunting for him!"

"I don't understand how he could find him when the detectives couldn't. It's all very mysterious," said grandpa.

As we all know, in spite of the almanac, there is the very greatest difference in the length of days. Polly has been heard to say that if she should live to be as old as Methuselah she should never expect to see another twenty-four hours drag themselves along so interminably as those which elapsed between the reception of the English boy's telegram and his letter.

But as all things come at last to him who knows how to wait, so some things come to those who do not, and the letter was promptly delivered into Polly's own hands at the post-office next day. And it was read by her to a family party in the carriage, including Cainy on the driver's seat, letting the horse go at his own sweet will.

"Dear Miss Polly,—I will be as brief and explicit as possible, knowing how anxious you all must be. Your brother and his friend ran away, not because they were guilty

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PHILADELPHIA GIRL SCOUTS

One Page of Up-to-date News from That City

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MRS. CHOATE'S VISIT TO PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia was greatly honored at its last Court of Honor by the presence of Mrs. Arthur O. Choate, who came to award the Golden Eagles. Soon after her visit Mrs. Choate wrote to Miss Katharine Hutchinson, Chairman of the Council, the following letter:

"The Philadelphia Council has done so much with the Girl Scout Work in Philadelphia that it is always a great eye-opener to see your scout gatherings. I feel that I learn a great deal each time I am able to visit you.

"I hope you will express to the rest of your Council my very real and hearty congratulations upon your splendid organization, growth, enthusiasm, and spirit, that I saw and felt among all your girls and leaders.

"Yours sincerely,

"ANNE HYDE CHOATE.

"December 15, 1919."

ROLL OF HONOR

December

Eighty-five troops were visited and inspected by the Headquarter's officers, of these, the following are on the Roll of Honor, since their average was over 80 per cent.

Troop	Captain	Average Per Cent
187	Ethel Campbell	94
88	Gertrude Brunswick	93
172	Mary Fisler	92
110	Margaret Schaller	90
166	Sadie Miller	90
Troop	Captain	Average Per Cent
190	Lillian Beck	86
126	Miriam McClaskey	81
100	Lucy Willse	80
109	Anna Rosenkoff	80

A DONATION FOR CAMP ODAHKOTAH

Miss Ethel Campbell's troop, No. 187, did wonderful work in the Membership Campaign—and came out winner of the Third Prize. The prize was a check which was to be used for Scout Material for the Troop; but instead of using it for this purpose the troop sent the money

back to Headquarters with the following letter:

My dear Mrs. Stern:—

It is my privilege as secretary of Girl Scout Troop No. 187 of Philadelphia to return the money received as Third Prize in the recent Membership Campaign. It was unanimously voted that the troop turn the money into Headquarters as a donation to Camp Odahkotah.

Very sincerely yours,

MARGARET McCRAV,

Doesn't this show a wonderful Scout Spirit? We are indeed proud of Miss Campbell and the girls of Troop No. 187.

JANUARY INSPECTION

Fifty-five Troops were visited by Headquarters in January. Owing to the illness of the Assistant Director and several of the Field Directors, a fewer number of troops than usual were visited.

Troop No. 56—Mrs. Elizabeth Russ, Captain, received 95 per cent. Two Field Directors visited the troop and gave it the highest praise. Other honor troops of the month were:

Troop	Captain	Average Per Cent
56	Mrs. John C. Russ	95
86	Mrs. A. Pohlman	93
198	Mabel Most	91
Troop	Captain	Average Per Cent
164	Mrs. Nellis Saunders	90
166	Sadie Miller	86
123	Evelyn Pollock	81

CHO CHO

Will be in Philadelphia the Week of March 22nd.

Cho Cho is coming to Philadelphia just to see the Girl Scouts. Think of that! He's going to spend five evenings with us—one evening in each district. The Philadelphia Health Council and Tuberculosis Committee—through their Field Secretary, Miss M. H. Stryker, are arranging for Cho Cho's visit. Bring your little brothers and sisters. Only children who are accompanied by Girl Scouts can come to see him. So wear your uniform and bring all your sisters, brothers and friends. Keep your eyes open for Cho Cho!

BANNER CONTEST

Troop No. 24, which meets at the Jewish Foster Home, won the banner both in December and January. December the troop obtained an average of 327 1-3 points and in January 251 1-2 points. We congratulate them most heartily. It is a real accomplishment to come out on top with 200 troops competing. This is the third time they have won the banner this year.

COMPOSITION CONTEST

Fifty dollars in prizes had been offered by the Women's Pennsylvania Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for compositions on the subject of the "Most Heroic Deed Done for an Animal" and the "Most Heroic Deed Done by an Animal."

For further particulars see current issue of "Girl Scout News."

PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST

A prize will be given for the best out-door picture of any Scout Activity. All photographs must reach Headquarters, 1314 Walnut Street, before April first. Miss Harriet van Baun, Captain of Troop No. 22, will act as judge. Kindly note the following information, which is to be written on the back of the photograph.

- 1—Title.
- 2—Name of photographer. Troop number.
- 3—Address of photographer.
- 4—Style of Camera used.
- 5—Hour taken.
- 6—Kind of paper used for printing.

Was your Troop represented at the Rally at Wanamakers? Are you going to win any Merit Badges at the next Court of Honor?

WHY? BECAUSE—

Why are weary people like carriage wheels—Because they are tired.

Why is a wise man like a pin—He has a head and comes to a point.

What is that which is put on a table and cut, but never eaten—Cards.

Scouting Activities in Minneapolis

Edited by Marjorie Edgar, Director
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WINTER SPORTS

February, in Minnesota, is the best time for winter sports, and the scouts have made the most of it. Skiing has always been popular with the scouts, but this is the first year that we have planned a contest. It is too soon to say who is the best ski-jumper, or—even whether we shall be able to demonstrate any real ski-jumping this year, but a Scout Ski Club is being formed and will meet at Glenwood Park, on February 28th. Mr. H. Meyer, of the St. Paul Ski Club, will judge speed and skill.

February 1st found the Unity House scouts, with their captain Miss Muriel Burdick, at the cabin in Nine-Mile Creek. "Water Squad" was quite exciting, on account of the drifts, and the interesting possibility of getting stuck in them on your way to the spring. But Troop 33 is rather fond of snow, and proved it by rolling down the hill, after dinner, and exploring the valley. There were many fresh tracks—crow, squirrel, rabbit, mouse, chip-munk, and otter. A little bridge of ice was found, and the scouts crossed the creek by it, and climbed Semaphore Hill. Except for a flock of chickadees, there were no birds to be seen, although the usual nuthatch, talking to himself, could be heard down the valley, and there were signs on an old tree that the Pileated Woodpecker has been back again. He is the largest and most unusual woodpecker to be found about here, and scouts should watch for him. All girls trying for the Bird-Badge must keep bird-calendars.

AN ARCHERY CLASS

Miss Lola Kinman, in charge, will be started at Wells Memorial on Saturday, March 6th, for girls only. Another class, for leaders, in the evening, will commence early in March. There will be a charge of \$1 for 10 lessons, and the last three or four lessons will be given out of doors, preliminary to an archery demonstration at the annual field day.

LEADERS' ASSOCIATION

At the last meeting of the Leaders' Association, a most interesting talk was given by Mrs. Lilian Greenleaf of the Council, who has been speaking before the Parents and Teachers Associations of the city, on Moral Education, and, in this connection, on the Girl Scout movement. Miss Chapman was not able to speak on the National Convention at this meeting. Reports were made by the Local Director and Local Field Captain. Miss Edgar speaking on the standards for proficiency badges and for leaders, in other cities, and of what we may gain by comparison,—Miss Griffith describing various forms of district organization for cities, and especially the plan followed by Philadelphia. Minneapolis leaders are much pleased with the idea of cooperating with Cincinnati in getting up a recipe book for hikes and for camp. A very good report was made by Miss Lola Kinman of Troop 60, showing intelligent community service, and scout spirit. Troop 60 is grateful to Mrs. Stoltze, of the Council, for giving them a chance to help in the Associated Charities and to make new friends among their foreign neighbors in the city.

FIVE YEARS OF SCOUTING

February 18th is our birthday anniversary. On that date, in 1915, a troop of ten girls was organized by the present Director, as an experiment. The idea was so popular with Minneapolis girls that we now have nearly nine hundred scouts. Our Local Council was organized in the spring of 1917, and at present has twenty-five members. Miss Margaret Chapman was elected Commissioner in the fall of 1917, and re-elected, for a two-year term, in 1918. During 1918, we received our first financial aid, running for a year on private subscription of \$1,200.00. This enabled us to open an office, meet all immediate needs, and keep up a camp, already started in the summer of 1917. During 1919, we were financed by the War Chest, with a budget of \$2,500.00. This has been increased to \$4,500.00 for 1920. Since November 1917, we have had two full time workers. Our first local Field Captain, Miss Olive Ericsson, was with us from September 1918 to July 1919, when she left to study in New York. The present Field Captain, Miss Margaret Griffith, came to us from the Red Cross, with a year's record of overseas' service.

In five years we have won 100 War Service Awards, 352 Proficiency Badges (not including those won for the two Golden Eaglets) and 15

Medals of Merit. We have had no recruiting for girls since 1917, except in troops already started, and captained. Until we have 100 leaders, we do not dare to take in any more girls, so many are leaderless now. In the spring we will have a Leaders' Recruiting Day, with "Forty Leaders Needed" as our appeal.

A NEW GOLDEN EAGLET

Ethelwyn Sutton, our second Golden Eaglet, has been a scout for two years, and is a patrol leader in Troop 37, North High School, under Captain Thompson. She has the War Service Award with blue ribbon, chiefly won through war gardening. The badges won, to qualify her for the Golden Eaglet, are: Ambulance, Child Care, Home-Nursing, Personal Health, Cooking, Sewing, Housekeeper, Laundress, Invalid Cooking, Naturalist, Gardener, Swimming, Pathfinder, Athletics, Clerk, Civics, Interpreter (Spanish), Music, Perfect Attendance.

She has recently added badges for Telegraphy and Signalling, and the Electrician's Badge. She will receive her Golden Eaglet at the next Court of Honor Day.



Ethelwyn Sutton, second Golden Eaglet of Minneapolis. Read the account of what she has accomplished above



ANNUAL CONVENTION

THE Sixth Annual Convention of the Girl Scouts was held in Philadelphia on January 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1920, at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. This convention stands out sharply from all our previous conventions by reason of the fine and varied program which had been carefully mapped out beforehand and which was followed in every detail, and by the fact that the program itself took a slightly different form from any which we had ever had offered to us before. Up to the present time our conventions have been so full of our private and internal business that it has been practically impossible for us to give any time to the consideration of the Girl Scouts in their relation to the other great social questions of the day. While no one who has attended any of our other conventions could possibly consider them uninteresting, this interest has lain almost entirely in the fact that we were thrashing out our home affairs, settling our private difficulties and trying to find large enough schemes to cover our constant expansion. But the Convention of 1920 has been one of the greatest proofs of the remarkable organizing ability and breadth of view of our new Director, and we found ourselves able to settle our national business, listen to a wide and varied range of reports from all over the country, define large policies and, at the same time, have the pleasure of listening to addresses from distinguished educators and students of social science who were glad to devote their time and talent to adding to the interest of the Girl Scout Convention.

The result of all this, while it may have impressed some of us as a little formal, could not fail to make a decided impression upon our visitors and critics, and it is hoped that, with the steady systematization of our local centers, much of the work which used to be brought in and discussed at the National Convention can now be attended to in the local councils, state and district divisions, thus leaving only the large national principles to be discussed, and enabling the Girl Scout organization to come into steadily increasing contact with the other great allied interests of the day.

The Convention opened on the afternoon of Wednesday, the fourteenth, with an invocation by the Reverend Floyd Tomkins, pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, followed by the Lord's Prayer and

some patriotic singing under the direction of a community song leader. The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers. Owing to the recent resignation of our Founder and first President, Mrs. Juliette Low, it was necessary to fill her place, and after the reading of the nominations from the Nominating Committee, Mrs. Arthur Osgood Choate was unanimously elected as President; Mrs. James J. Storrow as Vice-President; Mrs. Nicholas F. Brady as Treasurer. The general regret at Mrs. Low's decision to retire from the organization for which she has done so much since she founded it in 1912, was only equalled by the corresponding satisfaction at Mrs. Choate's acceptance of this important office. Three important motions were then passed:

1. After considerable discussion it was voted that any professional worker in the Girl Scout organization could be a member of the National Council when elected to represent that Council, provided that an equal number of volunteer workers represent the same council at the Convention. Since the Girl Scout organization has for some time lagged behind in this modern method of representation, it is gratifying to note that an overwhelming majority were in favor of this change.

2. It was voted that no officer of a local executive board could be elected to the National Executive Board. This change not to go into effect until the next Convention.

3. It was voted that a delegate from any neighborhood near the city where a convention may be held can be elected to represent a far distant section of the country, with the understanding that such delegate should be fully in sympathy with that section. Such delegate shall not be allowed to represent any section but the one in question.

4. It was voted to increase the number of registered Scouts necessary to qualify for the right to send a delegate from 200 to 500. This change, in view of the rapid increase in Scout membership, was obviously necessary.

President's Night

Wednesday evening, "President's Night," was presided over by Dr. Charles Hartt, Boy Scout Commissioner of Philadelphia. An address of welcome to the Convention was given by Ernest L. Tustin, Director of City Welfare and Charities. The selection of this official links the Girl Scout movement with the large civic

interests of the day. We should next have had the introduction of the new President by Mrs. Low, but this unfortunately was not possible, owing to Mrs. Choate's illness. Mrs. Low confined herself, therefore, to a brief statement of her pleasure and pride in the organization, of her reasons for leaving it and of her delight in Mrs. Choate's election as her successor. In place of the incoming President's address which should have followed, Mrs. Bacon, on behalf of the National Executive Board, expressed in a short speech to Mrs. Low the regret of the Board at her resignation and its gratitude and admiration for the years of service she has given the organization. This expression of the Executive Board is printed elsewhere in the current number of *THE RALLY*.

Good Health for Scouts

Thursday morning was devoted to three speeches on different aspects of "Scouting and Health for Girls." Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Vice-President of Temple University, presided over this meeting and his high professional standing, breadth of view and real interest in the problems of the Girl Scouts as a health promoting organization was most stimulating and flattering to us. Dr. Esther P. Lovejoy, President of the National Medical Women's Association, made a brief and spirited address on "Scouting for Public Health."

Dr. Martha Tracey, Dean of the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia, then spoke on the "Health Program for the Adolescent Girl." Those of us who have listened to speeches of various kinds, under various circumstance, have been indeed fortunate if we have been privileged to hear many speeches of the calibre and distinction of Dr. Tracey's. It was at once scholarly and comprehensive, practical and idealistic.

The fact that one in three or four men of the draft army had been proved unfit, although not new to us, made even more pointed the necessity for constructive health work among the young people of today. Her suggestion that the Girl Scout program of physical efficiency should at least equal that of the Government in its proposed arrangements for the training of men met with great applause. This proposed training she listed under three headings:

1. *Nutrition, comprising food units, and training in making food, in its relation to efficiency, interesting.* In this regard she stated that as a re-

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sult of a survey made among school children of high school age only one-half were found to have eaten enough to produce real physical efficiency, and that as a result of this only 7 per cent. of the remaining half were able to present good scholarship. As almost all our Scouts are interested in standing well at school, we have here, surely, a very practical method of inducing them to eat the proper food in the proper way and at the proper time.

2. *Respiration and circulation.* The interest of the Girl Scout movement in this condition of health is equally well indicated by our insistence upon setting-up exercises, correct posture and every form of out-of-door exercise.

3. *Adequate presentation of sex psychology.* This vast and hardly touched-on field of our Scout activities requires, of course, some study of adolescent psychology as it is presented today, on the part of our captains. Provision has been made for this study in the suggested list of reading for captains in the new Handbook. The Scout directors and councilors feel very keenly the great responsibility and tremendous possibilities of the Scout movement along this line, and it was gratifying to hear them so strongly featured by so eminent a scientist as Dr. Tracey. She concluded with the very practical suggestion that unless all of our captains and lieutenants took pains to follow Scout rules, the value of their teaching them would not be very great.

Miss Sally Lucas Jean, Director of the National Child Health Organization made a most interesting speech on "Making Health Attractive to Girls."

This speech ended the formal program for the morning and when discussion was in order, the Handbook Committee was very proud to be able to report through Mrs. Bacon that they had arranged a direct affiliation with the Child Health Organization and were getting out a special Scout edition of their health record for use by the individual Scout.

As a result of a question from the floor, Dr. Tracey offered to put all Scout captains in touch with the women doctors in their locality, in so far as she had them listed, in her capacity as Dean of the Women's Medical College.

Cleveland reported health contests for the Scouts, especially considering the condition of teeth; Cincinnati reported that physicians came out reg-

ularly to their Scout camp to talk to their girls; Pittsburgh reported regular talks from doctors and health organizers; Wellesley brought up the ever present question of bad posture as noted in the old Army regulations, with suggestions for more modern treatment of this, and mentioned the successful "beauty lectures" which had been held in Boston.

Girl Scouts in Action

Thursday afternoon was listed in the program as being devoted to "Girl Scouts in Action." Mrs. James J. Storrow, Chairman of the National Education Committee, presided, and the opening address was made by Mrs. J. Willis Martin of Philadelphia, who gave an interesting and detailed report of the good work of the Philadelphia Scouts, including the \$3,000,000 they had raised in War Bonds, their 150 war gardens, 5,000 quarts of vegetables put up. Strong emphasis was laid on the replacement work of the Scouts, which kept them at home when other and more fascinating work could have been done outside; their immensely valuable work during the influenza epidemic, and their faithful messenger service in this connection. Philadelphia had 800 Girl Scouts in training camps during the summer and what the Sanitary Squads learned there they put into practice in cleaning the city later. Carol singing on Christmas Eve and entertaining in hospitals finished a fine record which brought great applause.

Then followed the written reports from the chartered councils represented at the Convention. These were necessarily brief, as there was a time limit of three minutes for each report. While many details may have been left out in the following summary, the attempt has been in every case to stress the particular work in which the locality in question differed from the others. It is taken for granted, of course, that the basis of the Scout work is the same, and that all our various kind and practical acts in connection with the community must imply a great deal of repetition.

WASHINGTON brought out the stimulating fact that the Girl Scouts of that city are directly connected with thirty-two organizations. Each public playground has a Girl Scout captain. One speaker and one writer are attached to each club. There are fifty members of the Washington Council and eight active committees. NEW BEDFORD stresses the do-

mestic side of Girl Scout work. This is a condition of affairs which must inevitably make the strongest possible impression for good on the community. BOSTON reported an International Conference with a great Girl Scout parade on the occasion of Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell's visit to their city. The Scout camp had an attendance of forty Scouts a week during the summer. SPRINGFIELD; Regular clinics taken advantage of by the Girl Scouts; adoption of "troop grandmothers" for entertaining and befriending old ladies; hospital work. FALL RIVER: These Scouts helped in the birth registration of the city, delivering cards for the officials. MINNEAPOLIS: Institution of reform along the line of fewer merit badges presented, by a higher standard of requirements; successful experimentation in "probation" for leaders—insisting upon a short period of practice before their actual work begins. Community work has been substituted for the recent war work with great success; emphasis is laid on camping. Our National Field worker was highly complimented on the success of her work in Minneapolis. BROOKLINE has adopted eight orphans; reports great success from an interesting experiment in a democratic center made possible by the authorities granting the use of an old school to be used as a meeting place. All girls in the community help to make this a successful social experiment and the library assists them most generously. This report is recommended heartily to all readers of THE RALLY because in it lies the germ of real community success. What Brookline has done other cities can certainly do, and if they once begin, they are sure to succeed as Brookline has done. Brookline boasts the first Drum and Bugle Corp in the country. SAVANNAH provided Scouts fourteen and sixteen hours a day in the influenza soup kitchens. In order to allow the community the professional use of the trained nurses who had married and settled down with families there, the Savannah Scouts volunteered to take care of the homes of those nurses so that they could go on the job again. No more typical instance of Girl Scout work could possibly be quoted. Nothing shows more clearly the Girl Scout's opportunity of helping in the direction where help is needed and releasing trained labor of every sort. The Girl Scouts of Savannah act as ushers in the Municipal Auditorium and ful-

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SCOUTING NEWS FROM COLORADO SPRINGS

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Miss Charlotte Kissel former Local Director
of Colorado Springs

MISS KISSEL'S RESIGNATION

It is with very real regret that we report the resignation of Miss Charlotte Kissel as Local Director. Miss Kissel gave up her position the first of February, as she is to be married in the spring. During the year in which she has had charge of the work here the number of Scouts has increased very materially, and there exists, in each troop, an enthusiasm, and an interest in the Scout work, which are in themselves proof of her splendid leadership. Miss Kissel has done much for the Colorado Springs Girl Scouts. We are indebted to her for our Employment Bureau, which was organized in May, 1919, and has supplied Scouts for many different kinds of work, from digging dandelions, and washing automobiles, to caring for children and helping with the housework. Then, our first summer camp was planned and carried out by Miss Kissel, a most successful undertaking in every way, with a total attendance of ninety-five Scouts. We are all sorry to lose Miss Kissel as Director, but are glad that for the present she is not giving up the captaincy of her two troops.

THANKS BADGE AWARDED

As an expression of appreciation to Miss Charlotte Kissel, for her work as Local Director of the Scouts, the Scouts decided among themselves to apply for a "Thanks Badge" for her. This was approved by National Headquarters, and was presented to her at the January Rally, by Beulah Harless, Colorado Springs' first registered Girl Scout.

TROOP SPONSORS

Each Girl Scout Troop in Colorado Springs is to have its own "Sponsor," who takes a personal interest in its meetings, and various activities. These "Sponsors" are all members of the Local Council, and in this way the Council is brought into direct touch with what the Scouts are doing, and the Scouts feel that their Council is really interested in them, and ready and willing to help them in their plans. The following Council members will act as sponsors:

Mrs. Anna Rudy, Red Clover Troop; Mrs. W. K. Argo, Kinnikinnik Troop; Mrs. Francis Gilpin, Violet Troop; Mrs. R. J. Reiss, Flag Troop; Mrs. G. B. Gilmore, Holly Troop; Mrs. Eliabeth Rupp, Pine Troop; Mrs. E. M. Swift, Silver Spruce Troop; Mrs. B. S. Kaufman, Oak Troop; Mrs. W. H. Swan, Jonquil Troop; Miss Ruth Banning, Poppy Troop; Miss H. Woodworth, Columbine Troop.

INTER-TROOP CONTEST

The account in the November RALLY of the Philadelphia Scouts system of marking their troops, gave us the idea for our Inter-Troop Contest. Starting with February first each troop is competing for an honor Banner, to be awarded to the troop making the highest average in the following points

	Per Cent
Attendance	10
Punctuality	10
Character of Meeting	20
Scout Work	30
Inspection, or Good Deed Report	15
Home Work	15

The Good Deed Report takes the place of Inspection with some of the older troops. The "Home Work" is some particular task, something that will help out at home, which the Scout agrees with her parents to do for one month. At the end of the month the parent sends the troop captain a report of how this "home work" has been done. Some of the things that have been chosen as "Home Work" are: Helping regularly with the washing or ironing; feeding the chickens; sweeping the porch; closing doors quietly, and hanging up coats.

The local Field Captain, Mrs. D. H. Rupp, is to be the judge of this contest. She is a member of the Council, and supervises all the troops in their work.

HONOR ROLL

At the Rally held on January 31st, the following scouts were presented with badges:

Helen Ferguson, War Service Pin; Lela Marshall, Perfect Attendance Badge; Katherine Pauly, Scout Belt for obtaining twenty-five \$1.00 Scout memberships.

Ambulance Merit Badges were awarded the following Scouts:

Helen Brown, Holly Troop; Natalie Carrol, Holly Troop; Dorotha Dudley, Holly Troop; Adelaide Easley, Holly Troop; Malinia Goldsmiht, Jonquil Troop; Beulah Harless, Jonquil Troop; Evelyn Harless, Poppy Troop; Agnes Kilian, Jonquil Troop; Ruth Organ, Holly Troop; Beatrice Prior, Holly Troop; Claudia Zieger, Holly Troop.

SCOUTS HELP DURING INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

The girls of Holly Troop are putting to practical use their knowledge of Invalid cooking. About fifteen Scouts in this troop have recently passed this Merit Badge test, and during the epidemic of influenza, they are bringing certain articles of invalid diet, such as jellies, broths, and custards, to the Visiting Nurse Association each week, and the food is then distributed among the sick who most need it.

"CAPTAIN POLLY"

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of any dynamite deeds or projects, but because of the increasing wickedness of that gang of young ruffians in which they were to be compelled to share, and which they unfortunately had not the courage to divulge. When one considers the age and desperate character of some of those fellows, it is not to be wondered at that they were intimidated."

"That's kind of him to make a little excuse for Syd," interpolated Polly.

"I am not at all sure that he deserves it," said grandpa, grimly. "However, go on, Polly, go on!"

"There is no doubt that they joined the gang with a vague idea of doing something daring and exciting, but with no comprehension of its real purposes. They had not been obliged to take any part in the outrages perpetrated by the older members of the gang, but the latter had evidently concluded that it would be safer to make them sharers in their guilt. They were to have been forced to assist in setting fire to the shipyards, which was the cause of their running away. It was just as the extreme coldness of the world to empty-pocketed and friendless boys had induced them to think of returning that they read an account of the explosion in the papers, and decided that a cold world with freedom was more desirable than a prison. For they were responsible for the explosives. They had hidden in the closet of the workshop a quantity of chemicals which they had used in attempting to get up some stereopticon pictures; they had pursued this art, not very successfully, I judge, for some time, in great privacy in the old wing; and these chemicals had once exploded, the boys tell me, with a noise as loud as a pistol-shot, but without doing any particular damage."

"I heard it!" cried Polly. "That was early in the summer before Lord Brentford came! And that was the queer bubbling noise!"

"Go on! Polly, go on!" cried a chorus.

"A more dangerous industry which they have practiced in the same place was the making of Chinese fireworks. Bruce Bennett, it seems, had an uncle who has lived in China, and who was so injudicious as to instruct him in the art. They did not succeed in making a supply for the Fourth of July, as they hoped to, but practiced at intervals, hoping to be ready for next year's celebration. When his privacy was invaded, Syd says, they carried their materials to the workshop for safe-keeping. The Red

Revs, he says, forced him to allow them to have meetings in the old wing, but they became frightened and came but twice. They say they were somewhat afraid to move the explosives, but thought they were safe in the closet. Syd thinks a spark from Cainy's candle must have come in contact with the powder. They were, you see, guilty of nothing but extreme carelessness, which, however blameworthy, is quite different to a criminal intention."

"Of course, quite different!" exclaimed Polly, exultantly. "Oh, poor Syd!"

"The young knaves! It's a wonder you were not all burned in your beds," said grandpa. But it was easy to read the happy relief in his look.

"I came upon the boys almost by accident, at last, and after I had almost despaired of finding them. And then it was under such circumstances that they could and would have slipped away from me if I had not promised not to betray them. They have been reduced to sore straits, and have suffered greatly. I found them about to join a show of the lowest character; they were to help take care of the animals in payment for their passage to the far West, Bruce Bennett cherishing a somewhat subdued and flickering ambition to become a cowboy. The terms of the contract did not include board, and they had no money and were extremely hungry, yet Bruce Bennett absolutely refuses to return, and Syd was only induced to by the knowledge that you had always believed him innocent."

"'Old Polly has stood up for me, has she?' he said, and for the first time he quite broke down, and his hard and hopeless mood vanished. I must tell you, Miss Polly, that a little text of the New Testament came into my mind: 'Thou hast gained thy brother.' And I must also take the liberty to tell you that although I misunderstood you, at first—I think a fellow is likely to, American girls are so different to English ones, you know—after I knew you better you kept me from being homesick, because you were so simple and natural, and not affected or young-ladyish, so that I was afraid of you. You seemed so like my own sisters."

"Oh, oh! if that isn't the greatest!" cried Del. "And I always thought he was more horror-stricken at Polly than at any of us."

"There, I don't care about that flummery; read when Syd is coming home!" said grandpa.

"As soon as some necessary changes in his appearance are effected, Syd will leave for home. I wish I could go with him, but I think he prefers to go alone, as it shows that

he goes voluntarily. Bruce Bennett persists in following the show, but has promised me that he will write to his father as soon as he reaches Chicago, and I am quite sure that by that time he will be quite willing to return."

"You mustn't say a hard word to Syd, not one; must you, grandpa? he has suffered so much," said Polly, eagerly.

"You seem to be mistress of this situation, Captain Polly," said grandpa, good-naturedly; "and I've no doubt I shall kill the fatted calf to please you. But the young rascal deserved to suffer!"

But Polly need not have feared. When Syd arrived his looks were a sufficient plea for pardon. They would have softened a far harder heart than Grandpa Damer's.

Thin and haggard and dejected, with all his jaunty independence gone, Polly could scarcely have believed that it was Syd if he had not called her "Old Polly" (Syd's strongest term of endearment) in one breath, and told her "not to act like a girl, and make a great fuss," in the next. It was very evident that he was struggling with a very large lump in his throat, and in danger of making a great fuss himself; and oh, how pitifully glad he was to get home, and what an appetite he had, after a while, for the goodies of which Diantha had cooked enough for an army, knowing, as she declared, that "one of the things there wa'n't no reck'nin' on was a hungry boy."

He was Syd still, no doubt, with all his "trying" ways, his discouraging lack of candor, and his susceptibility to bad influences; but he had had a lesson, and he could learn. A boy is never a hopeless case who can learn. And Polly was brimming over with faith and joy. She had one great excuse always ready for Syd. "I ought to have told about that dreadful society, even if I had promised," she would say. "That might have prevented all the trouble."

Strangely enough, Syd and his grandfather had changed places in their opinions about Syd's going away to school. Syd was now anxious to go, and his grandfather wished him to stay at home and "live down" his disgrace, especially as he has been assured by Bruce Bennett's father that Bruce would go away to school.

It was only a few days after Syd's return that Cainy, almost recovered from his injuries and in the best of spirits, although he still wore his arm in a sling, came, somewhat shamefacedly, to Polly, and remarked

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SCRIBES' CORNER—HOME SCOUT NEWS

SAVANNAH, GA.

The Girl Scouts of Savannah, Georgia, have an official contract from the Mayor of the city which enables them to usher at all entertainments given in the Municipal Auditorium. At all patriotic or community entertainments they give their services, for all others they are paid.

At the big meeting held in honor of General Pershing at the Auditorium in December, seventy-five Girl Scouts acted as ushers. The escort of soldiers did not arrive in time so the girls lined up on either side of the walk from the carriage to the auditorium door and stood at attention as General Pershing, the Mayor of Savannah and other notables arrived. At the close of the meeting General Pershing personally shook hands with each Girl Scout complimenting them on the way they handled the building.

The Commercial Club, composed of the most influential men and women of Savannah, have agreed to push the Girl Scouts in every possible way.

On Christmas eve the Girl Scouts besides having jolly parties for their own enjoyment carried baskets of fruit to the Old Ladies Home and dressed dolls and gave toys to the Day Nurseries.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.

Hawthorne Troop 22 of Jersey City held a sale of fancy articles of their own manufacture, at the home of their Captain during December. They cleared over \$55 which they will use towards purchasing their uniforms. A specialty was made of bead chains and baskets, for which the scouts will fill orders at any time.

E. M. R.,
Second Patrol Leader.

KENTON, OHIO

Last April, a meeting of the High School girls was called, and I presented some of the motives of the Girl Scout Organization. Each week we met, and prepared for the Tenderfoot Test. In May we held our examination. Forty-eight passed their test. Our meetings were held in the Armory, until we secured the spacious room in the basement of the County Court House, but when winter came on we found it too cold and moved to the Armory Building where we now have a large room.

The Girl Scouts took part in the

Fourth of July parade and sold ice cream, popcorn, peanuts and candy and cleared \$78 with which they bought their uniforms.

During the drive we gave all kinds and sorts of demonstrations, the scouts spoke in the churches, before all the clubs of the town and before the Chamber of Commerce. We were able to send \$450 to National Headquarters which was less than we had hoped to raise, but considering the short time we have been organized we feel quite happy over our success.

We had a splendid Hallowe'en party, 65 scouts present. At Thanksgiving we distributed baskets to the poor which were filled by the scouts. We then attended the Union Thanksgiving services in a body.

We have started an Employment Bureau for the Girl Scouts to aid them in earning money for their uniforms. When the College Club held their luncheon the Scouts served in their uniforms. The Girl Scouts have also helped in all Community affairs and the people of Kenton are beginning to realize that Scouting is a splendid thing for the girls.

The girls take a hike at least every other week. We have more than 15 patrols, though all of these are not complete at this time. Eighteen new girls came to our meeting last week. We are now striving hard to secure enough lieutenants to carry on the work properly.

The film "The Golden Eaglet" was shown here and we believe that it has encouraged many of the girls to work for the Golden Eaglet.

G. B. B.,
Captain.

PENNSBURG, PA.

We of Pennsburg Troop 1 wish to let you know that we are busy scouts, though you have seldom heard from us. On New Year's day we went on a hike to Mill Hill, starting from Main Street and proceeding up the turnpike until we came to the camp. Being at the camp for some time, we hiked through the snow about five miles, until we reached Silver Springs. One thing that was very interesting was the different tracks of animals. On the way we practiced several marching maneuvers.

When we came back we roasted potatoes and enjoyed our luncheon very much. One of the scouts very proudly lit the fire with one match.

M. B.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Our troop was organized in July 1919 and we now have sixteen registered scouts.

We gave a fair about ten days before Christmas at which we cleared \$75. We had a fancy work booth, parcel-posts, Christmas booth and fish-pond, and we also sold pop-corn balls, ice-cream and cake, doughnuts and coffee. The articles in the fancy work and parcel-post booths were either donated by friends or made by them. We auctioned off all the fancy work that was left so everything was disposed of. The most exciting minutes of the fair was when a clock was given to the most popular person in the crowd. The votes were sold at 1c each and we realized about \$80 from this contest.

B. G., Troop 17.

LINCOLN, MASS.

The Lincoln troop of Girl Scouts consist of twenty-three scouts, eight candidates, two lieutenants and one Captain, a Council of seven with four not registered.

The scouts gave a play and supper to earn money for camping. Eight girls of suitable age went for two weeks to the State Camp at Long Pond on the proceeds each paying \$3.50 in addition to the fund earned. Eight scouts too young for the State Camp went with their Captain and Lieutenant to a nearby camp.

A troop of Brownies has been recently started by an eighteen-year-old scout assisted by a Lieutenant.

The scouts have contributed \$38 to the Red Cross, \$50 to the Victory Fund, \$5 to the Postal Santa Claus and \$20 to the Trek Cart.

We now have a Scout House near the center of the town on land leased from the railroad at \$25 a year. The house is used for Home Economic meetings and Association of Scout Parents.

At Christmas time, the scouts had a Christmas for the Brownies and other children. Each scout inviting two children and bringing two presents. They also had a Christmas party for the house, each scout bringing a present to the house, soap dish, mops, dish cloths and towels, etc.

When summer comes with its endless procession of automobile pleasure seekers, the scouts hope to make their house self-supporting by using it for a Tea House.

F. T. E.

-AND SCOUTING NEWS FROM ABROAD



The following letter was received from a former Captain of the Girl Scouts who is now in Belgium, telling of the Girl Guides there.

THE first time I attended a meeting of the Girl Guides, I really had little idea of what the Belgian comprehension of the work was, but found it to be along practically the same general lines as we have in America.

"The movement undoubtedly leaped the channal and took root in this little kingdom where it has flourished since, being especially active during the German occupation. It will be interesting to note that as the organization was quite strong and decidedly Catholic, the Germans would not allow them to drill in public, as they feared it might become a source of breeding revolt or spying (this refers particularly to the Boy Scouts).

"At the present time, there are five Girl Guide Companies here in Brussels which meet three times a week, usually on Monday night, Thursday afternoon, and Sunday from two to nine o'clock. On Monday, they assemble in their hall and their program commences with a religious lesson taught by a monk whose services are freely given and his fine character is doing no small part in building sound morals of clean living in the minds of his pro-

tegees. After this a scout lesson is taught by the captain and the children practice their Tenderfoot tests, etc. Then, there is a recreation—on Thursday—and it is the rule that the children come without uniform and are taught sewing which they learn

their use, and the use of the Boy Scouts as well. I was interested to learn that through a mutual understanding between the Girl Guide leaders and the heads of the church, the children are confirmed in uniform, thus taking away something of the strain of the ceremony and making the expense of new clothes unnecessary. Of course, in addition to this the whole Girl Guide movement is furthered. At two o'clock, they assemble promptly and start on a long hike, led by eight drummers who are really little wonders.

"Their uniforms are very similar to ours, being made of the usual khaki. The girls wear a waist and skirt, a large handkerchief (the company I saw wore orange handkerchiefs) crossed in front. The captains and lieutenants wear their hats brim turned up sharply on the left side held in place by a rather large emblematical badge—shoulder straps seem to be in order and very wide belts are preferred. Following the English custom of dress, brass stars are worn on the shoulder in place of our black stripes.

"They seem very business like in all their work. I am sorry that I can only give my Thursdays to help them as they seem anxious and very pleased to have any suggestions from the American point of view."

GIRL SCOUTS IN EGYPT

The following inquiry has been received at National Headquarters. Perhaps it won't be long before we will be able to give you some interesting news from Cairo.

American Mission,
Cairo, Egypt.

Gentlemen:—

Will you kindly send me any information, circulars or literature available regarding the Girl Scout Organization? Would it be possible to organize a branch in Egypt, how?

I shall be very grateful for any information you may be able to give me.

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs.) Nellie Adams.

with great ease and do remarkably well for their age. On Sunday, which is the most important day from the point of view of the guides, they assemble for Mass in uniform at eight o'clock in the morning, a special section of the church being set aside for

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fill these duties so well that they were awarded a contract for this work. The girls formed an escort of honor to General Pershing when he visited Savannah. **KALAMAZOO** has started out-door wood-work and have constructed a large Scout shack in the woods. **PROVIDENCE** boasts nine separate showings of the Golden Eaglet film. This film is the greatest single piece of propaganda put out by the Girl Scouts and if every community where there is a troop would do one-ninth as well as Providence, we would be a very much richer organization as well as better known one. Providence reports many captains won to the organization by the use of this film. This city believes in making captain's commissions hard to get and tries out the captains before they are accepted.

For a detailed report on Manhat-

tan activities, readers are referred to Mrs. Edey's article in the current issue of THE RALLY. **READING, PA.** This Council attributes its great success to its advertising campaign. A discussion was given of the Publicity Week in which a different "stunt" was planned for every day in the week with great success. **ALLEGHENY COUNTY:** The number of Scouts enrolled under this council has grown from 250 to 3,000 in a year, representing literally every country and extending far out into the rural districts. Twenty-five hundred Scouts attended a recent Rally at which there was a 200-voiced chorus in Scout uniforms singing Rally songs. For this the singers were trained in separate groups so that the girls would not have to come long distances for rehearsals. A Course in Scouting is

offered to captains in Pittsburgh University and Carnegie Institute. **BRONX** employs a part-time director. Almost every Council member has a troop; a standard of 85 per cent. has been adopted as passing mark for merit badges; each troop has a different philanthropic interest; 500 dolls have been dressed; a great deal of day nursery work has been done; baskets of fruit for the poor have been provided from the Scouts' own pockets; a baby show was held in which 200 babies were entered; cooperation reported with the Children's Court; sewing done for other organizations. In general the community has been greatly drawn together by the Scout work. **ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY,** uses the Red Cross rooms for meetings; has a Junior Council which

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Our Party Page



Do you like conundrums? If so, try these at one of your troop meetings or on your friends during a quiet evening at home.

DOWN ON THE FARM

(Answers are the plural of letters)
There is a farmer who is—yy
Enough to take his—ee
And study nature with his—ii
And think on what he—cc
He hears the chatter of the—jj
As they each other—tt
And sure that where a tree de—kk
It makes a home for—bb
A yoke of oxen will he—uu
With many haws and—gg
And their mistakes he will ex—qq
When ploughing for his—pp.

THE WEARING OF THE GREEN

A raw youth—Greenhorn.
Verdant—Green.
A retailer of fresh vegetables—Greengrocer.
A part of a theater—Greenroom.
Where plants are sheltered—Greenhouse.
Dandelions and spinach—Greens.
Death to bugs—Paris Green.
Mountains in Vermont—Green Mountains.
A country—Greenland.
A kind of apple—Greening.

OLD SAYINGS

As poor as a—church mouse.
As thin as a—rail.
As fat as a—pig.
As rough as a—gale.
As brave as a—lion.
As spry as a—cat.
As bright as a—dollar.
As weak as a—cat.

As proud as a—peacock.
As sly as a—fox.
As mad as a—march hare.
As strong as an—ox.
As fair as a—lily.
As empty as—air.
As rich as—old Croesus.
As cross as a—bear.

As pure as a—lily.
As neat as a—pin.
As smart as a—steel trap.
As ugly as—sin.
As dead as a—door nail.
As white as a—sheet.
As flat as a—pancake.
As red as a—beet.

As round as an—orange.
As black as your—hat.
As brown as a—nut.
As blind as a—bat.
As mean as a—miser.
As full as a—tick.
As plump as a—partridge.
As sharp as a—stick.

As clean as a—whistle.
As dark as a—pall.
As hard as—flint.
As bitter as—gall.
As fine as a—fiddle.
As clear as a—bell.
As dry as a—sponge.
As deep as a well.

All girls like to give parties and certainly Girl Scouts are no exception. This is proved by the number of requests we receive at Headquarters for entertainment material. We have therefore decided to give every month in **The Rally** a number of party suggestions. If there is any particular kind of party you wish help with, write to us. On the other hand if you have an original idea for an entertainment, send it in. **We will pay \$1.00 for any account of a party or plan for a party considered worthy of publication.**

As light as a—feather.
As firm as a—rock.
As stiff as a—poker.
As calm as a clock.
As green as a—gosling.
As brisk as a—bee.
And now let me stop.
Lest you weary of me.

"OUR UNITED STATES"

Answers are abbreviation of States

1. The most egotistical of the U. S.—Me.
2. Which is the father of the states—Pa.
3. The most useful state in time of haying—Mo.
4. Which is the best in time of a flood—Ark.
5. Which is the unhealthy state—Ill.
6. What is the grain producing state—R. I.
7. Which is the most religious state—Mass.
8. The state of exclamation—La. or O.
9. A maidenly state—Miss., Del., Minn.
10. A student's state—Conn., Tex.
11. In what state can you find no such word as fail—Kan.
12. A state that cures diseases—Md.
13. A numerical state—Tenn.
14. A state for tramps to avoid—Wash.

FEATHERED FRIENDS

(Answers are birds or fowls.)

1. A child's plaything—kite.
2. Nothing, twice yourself, fifty—o-w-l.
3. Less than the whole and the top of a house—partridge.
4. What you do at every meal—swallow.
5. Equality and decay—parrot.
6. A celebrated English architect—Wren.
7. A tailor's implement—goose.
8. Part of an ancient fireplace—crane.
9. A girl's nickname and a baked dish—magpie.
10. A turbulent country—Turkey.

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acts as the office staff, substituting for a director, which officer they have not yet been able to maintain. Great neighborhood Rally successfully staged. **JERSEY CITY.** This is a five days' old council. The Girl Scouts in this district represent girls in industry to a great extent, and also report gratifying school affiliations. **WESTPORT, CONN.,** reports gratifying cooperation with the Boy Scouts in company with whom the local troop gave the Golden Eaglet with speeches by the local Boy Scout Master and their honorary captain, Mrs. Bacon. It is interesting to observe that this troop voted that their share of the proceeds of the film should go towards the training of their captain and two lieutenants in the New York training classes. This suggestion could be adopted to advantage by many councils who will always find the girls most ready to follow such a practical suggestion. The troop has grown in one year from eleven to sixty odd, and recently gave a play written and produced by the Scouts themselves. **TOLEDO** has one Girl Scout troop in the Tuberculosis Hospital. Toledo believes in large troops. They stress Americanization at the request of the foreign inhabitants. Successful "Mother and Daughter" luncheons have been given. The foreign women are beginning to show great interest in the movement. **NEWTON: Troop Committee Meetings** three times a year; the captains' association meets every month; leaders go on special hikes. Newton lays great stress on regular Rallies. They report particular progress along the lines of Child Care, Millinery Classes and Fire Drill. Interest of local clergy enlisted to preach sermons on the various Scout Laws on a given Sunday. **BALTIMORE** has first aid classes at Johns Hopkins; active troop in the State Normal School; successful effort made to cover the rural districts; mammoth rally lasting from three until ten o'clock where a banquet for 350 guests was cooked and served by the Scouts alone; playground assistants are being trained as Scout captains. **ELMIRA** stresses swimming and life saving. Great opportunity is offered here to all Scouting centers on the water, and making a point of this is not only intensely practical but the best of publicity. Great cooperation is reported among the churches.

At the close of these reports Mrs. John Gribbel, President of the Y. W. C. A., made an appeal for co-

operation on the part of the Girl Scouts with the local Y. W. C. A. interests.

Thursday evening was devoted to speeches by Mrs. Selden Bacon on "The Girl Scout as a Community Asset" and Mrs. Raymond Brown on "Organizing Youth for the Country." Mrs. Bacon dealt with the advantages of our physical development, household training, and applied patriotism to the community, illustrating the last point by an advance reading of the new merit badge on Public Health. Mrs. Brown discussed the question of political education for our young women and their probable future relation to the political parties.

Friday morning was known as the "Girl Scouts' Field Day," Mrs. Rippin presiding. Miss Margaret Smith, our Girl Scout legislator of the nineteenth assembly district of New York City, was proudly exhibited as a Girl Scout Captain.

The Court of Honor was then discussed and the point was brought out that this body, or any part of it, it responsible for selecting the judges for merit badge tests. It was suggested that the candidates' time should be fitted to the time of the judges. Some Courts of Honor were reported as favoring the standard of 90 per cent. for these tests. Mrs. Edey then described the plan of dividing New York City into districts. For details see her article in the current number. Mrs. Rippin brought out the failure of Councils to re-register themselves, advised Scout communities not to attempt to form audiences, but to use audiences or groups already formed. General drive methods were then discussed, gratifying relationship with the Boy Scouts reported and general feeling against employing "tag days" was registered. The question of the combination War Chest was brought up. Mrs. Bacon strongly recommended the Girl Scout film as a money-maker, especially in small towns, and suggested cooperation with the local moving picture houses. Miss Chadwick (Detroit) explained her joint directorship with the Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls. Miss Morse (Cleveland) reported on the Girls' Council. The Cleveland Girls' Council forms a clearing house for all girls' organizations in the city. Miss Holland (Pittsburgh) advises the furthering of all girls' work irrespective of organization. Miss Edgar (Minneapolis) reported that the Girl Scouts hold the girls to a gratifying degree compared to other local organizations. Mrs. Colman (Washington) suggested registration by

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blocks and not by individuals, allowing each locality to handle its own. This, the Chair felt, could not yet be followed, owing to the mechanical difficulties of correct registration. It was voted that local chartered councils with paid directors should be allowed to insert their own troop numbers on registration cards in order to prevent delay in assignment of numbers at National Headquarters. It was then requested that care should be observed in following the details in standard *Captain's Uniforms* and the Nurses' Outfitting Association of New York was noted as providing these. A tailor in each city was suggested to handle such uniforms. **TYPES OF CHARTERS:** Districts, Divisions, Counties, and Towns or Cities were discussed. It was brought out that the State charters were issued for three years, experimentally. District organization was reported as having been proved cheaper than State, and the question of Divisions was advanced as an intermediate step. The suggestion from Philadelphia for the addition of Second Lieutenant of sixteen years or over for the troops was voted unanimously.

Friday afternoon was devoted to final addresses, with Dr. Lewis representing the Pennsylvania State Department of Education, presiding. Dr. Snedden of Teachers College warned against the over-lapping of the organizations and the necessity for their coordinating with each other. Miss Sara Louise Arnold of Simmons College advised the necessity in starting the scout work, of getting the people who were most

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This ended the formal convention, which of course included many separate committee meetings and helpful private conferences. It left us looking forward to 1921 with keen anticipation.

COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Girl Scouts of Troop 4 made several families happy Christmas eve. Each girl brought some article of food, a present and clothing to their Captain's home the day before Christmas. Large baskets were covered with red crepe paper on the outside to look Christmasy. The baskets were filled to overflowing with everything to make up a Christmas dinner. On the very top was placed a pound box of candy. Bundles were made of the clothing and the presents were wrapped in tissue paper and ribbon to look like a visit from Santa Claus.

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"Me and some of the fellers was thinkin' of makin' you a little present." (Polly understood at once that the fellers were "patch" boys.) "Joe Banks says that the old *High-Flyer* has come ashore, down by Pemetic light; Joe's brother he keeps the light; and the young ones have took her for a playhouse, jest as you used to have her. She's consid'able stove up, but me 'n the fellers calc'lated that we could tow her up if you'd like to have her. But I told 'em I'd ask you first, for, says I, it would be jest like my Miss Polly not to want her took away from them young ones, and—"

"Oh, no, Cainy, I shouldn't. It was very kind and thoughtful of you and the other boys, but that is just what I should have wished to happen to the old boat. I wonder if there was any candy left in her, and what did they think of her? Some day we must take a sail down there and find out."

Grandpa Damer said, that little English lord was a capital fellow, capital, and he was going to invite him to come down to the greatest harvest-home and barn-warming which he was going to have when the new barn was done.

Del prophesied that he wouldn't come; she said he had put them all into his note-book, and labelled them—he always labelled his snakes and

bugs—"Queer young Yankees discovered in remote regions," and then forgotten all about them. Grandpa said he *might* have labelled them "The sorrows of a poor old man," but he thought that, after all, he had liked them well enough to come again.

And he did come, and Harry was at home with a party of friends, and I only wish I had space to tell you what a great time it was! Grandpa would invite everybody, and even Del didn't object, but said that if Jeanne Higgins had kept her promise to have her invited to Lenox she should have stayed at home on this account.

The bare inside of the great barn was hidden under green foliage and blossoms, and gay Chinese lanterns swung everywhere. There was an orchestra from Portland, but grandpa declared that "Aaron's nose should should not be put out of joint," and he played "Come lasses and lads" to his own and grandpa's hearts' content. Cainy, in a brand-new suit, with a button-hole bouquet, acted as usher, and showed so much discretion in this difficult capacity as to make many people say he "had plenty of sense after all." I, for one, have never doubted it. Roy seemed to have left his wrinkle quite behind him, and Syd, with a subdued and more responsible look, was winning his old place in every one's regard—perhaps more than his old place, for every one recognizes the nobility of living down disgrace and making our faults "stepping-stones to higher things."

And Polly, dear red-headed, tender-hearted Polly, as she footed it gayly through the dance, heard a sweeter sound than the music of the violins; a still small voice that whispered, over and over, to her heart, "Thou hast gained thy brother."

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